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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 346
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A RESOLUTION To congratulate Joseph Wilson "Doc" Bradley
and Catherine Murphy Bradley on the
celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those successful marriages that have prevailed to serve as a standard for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wilson "Doc" Bradley and Catherine Murphy were joined in holy matrimony fifty years ago; since that delightful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, depending upon their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Joe Bradley was born June 17, 1923 in Westmoreland, Tennessee; he attended North High School; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1942, he joined the United States Army and honorably and bravely served in the European Theater during World War II until his discharge in December of 1945; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to the United States, Mr. Bradley attended the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy; a sterling scholar, he graduated in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Murphy Bradley was born October 12, 1925 in Nashville, where she attended Cathedral High school; she graduated with distinction in 1944; and

WHEREAS, After High School, she astutely and diligently served the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, Catherine and Joe met and fell in love shortly after Joe's return to Tennessee and were married on the 21st of June 1951; and

WHEREAS, For fifty years, their marriage has endured to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, This couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three wonderful children, JoAnne Bradley Atwood, Phil Bradley, and Barbara Bradley Tucker; and

WHEREAS, "Doc" and Catherine Bradley are also blessed with the love of their six grandchildren, Greg, Doug, and Mike Atwood and Matt, Sarah, and Abby Tucker; and

WHEREAS, After years of meritorious service for two different drug companies, in 1963, Joe Bradley opened Bradley Drug Co. which is truly a family business; the Bradley children fondly remember celebrating many happy birthdays in the drugstore prescription department; and

WHEREAS, No matter whether Jo, Phil, or JoAnne was working as the pharmacist for the evening, the delivery boy's last stop each night was the Bradley's kitchen, where Catherine Bradley had dinner waiting to be delivered to the pharmacist on duty; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Catherine Bradley are active and faithful parishioners of St. Anne's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, The epitome of good neighbors, the Bradleys always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Bradley's represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the beauty and value of continuity and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Joseph Wilson "Doc" Bradley and Catherine Murphy Bradley on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.